ten equal installments in accordance with the conditions of this proviso, beginning with the date of amendatory contract: And provided of lands and water further, That land and water rights in said part 1 of the Mesa rights. division heretofore or hereafter offered at public sale under said Act of January 25, 1917, and not disposed of at such public sale may be sold later at private sale at not less than \$25 per acre for the land and at \$200 per acre for the water right.

Minimum prices.

Approved, February 21, 1925.

CHAP. 292.—Joint Resolution Extending the time during which certain domestic animals which have crossed the boundary line into foreign countries may be returned duty free.

February 21, 1925. [H. J. Res. 325.] [Pub. Res., No. 52.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That despite the provisions of paragraph 1506 of Title II of the Tariff Act of 1922, horses, mules, asses, cattle, sheep, goats, and other domestic animals, which heretofore have strayed across the boundary line into any foreign country, or been driven across such boundary line by the owner for temporary pasturage purposes only, or which may so stray or be driven before May, 1, 1925, shall together with their offspring, be admitted free of duty under regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury, if brought back to the United States at any time before December 31, 1925.

Domestic animals. Free admission of, crossing frontier before May 1, 1925, if brought back before December 31, 1925. Vol. 42, p. 923

SEC. 2. The Secretary of the Treasury shall, under regulations lected after December prescribed by him, remit and refund any duties on any such domes-30, 1924. tic animals and their offspring returned to the United States after December 30, 1924, and before the enactment of this resolution. Such refunds shall be made upon application therefor made within one year after the enactment of this resolution. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated an amount necessary to make such refunds.

Approved, February 21, 1925.

CHAP. 293.—Joint Resolution To authorize the appointment of an additional commissioner on the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission.

February 21, 1925. [H. J. Res. 342.] [Pub. Res., No. 58.]

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the Speaker commission.

Additional Representative is authorized to appoint a Member sentative to be appoint a sentative of the House of Representatives as an additional commissioner on pointed on.

Ante, p. 749. the United States Lexington-Concord Sesquicentennial Commission established under Public Resolution Numbered 43, Sixty-eighth Congress, second session, approved January 14, 1925.

Approved, February 21, 1925.

CHAP. 297.—An Act For the relief of sufferers from earthquake in Japan.

February 24, 1925. [S. 3171.] [Public, No. 447.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the action 1923. of the Executive in directing the issue, and the issuance of Army Action of Executive, in issuing Army supsupplies out of the current and reserve stock for use of the Army, plies, etc., for sufferers and in directing property for supplies and for correigned residenced in from, approved. and in directing payment for supplies and for services rendered in connection with the shipment and transfer of such supplies, including all other extra expenditures, of a value not exceeding \$6,017,-069.03 for the relief of sufferers from the earthquake in Japan on

allowed.

Credits in accounts September 1, 1923, is approved. Credit for all such supplies so issued and funds so disbursed in connection therewith and with relief tendered by the Army shall be allowed in the settlement of the accounts of the officers of the Army.

Approved, February 24, 1925.

February 24, 1925. [H. R. 8267.] [Public, No. 448.]

CHAP. 298.—An Act For the purchase of land adjoining Fort Bliss, Texas.

be purchased for.

Post, p. 1344.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Fort Bliss, Tex. Additional land to United States of America in Congress assembled, That a sum not to exceed \$366,000 is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the purchase of land in the vicinity of and for use in connection with the present military reservation at Fort Bliss, Texas, and the Secretary of War is hereby authorized to make said purchase.

Approved, February 24, 1925.

February 24, 1925. [S. 2746.] [Public, No. 449.]

CHAP. 299 .- An Act Regulating the recovery of allotments and allowances heretofore paid to designated beneficiaries.

War Risk Insurance Act.
Payments made to beneficiaries under Army allotment system not recoverable. Vol. 42, p. 153.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That so much of section 210 of the War Risk Insurance Act, as amended by the Act of August 9, 1921 (Forty-second Statutes, page 153), as precludes the recovery of an award of allotment, or allowance, or both, paid to, or on behalf of a person designated as beneficiary of an allot-ment under the War Risk Insurance Act prior to August 9, 1921, shall hereafter be applicable to allotments paid prior to August 9, 1921, to beneficiaries designated under the Army allotment system by any person who served in the Army.

Approved, February 24, 1925.

February 24, 1925. [S. 3252.] [Public, No. 450.]

CHAP. 300 .- An Act Referring the claim of the State of Rhode Island for expenses during the war with Spain to the Court of Claims for adjudication.

Rhode Island. Claim of, for expenses in War with Spain, re-ferred to Court of

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the items of the claim of the State of Rhode Island against the United States for expenses incurred and paid in aiding the United States to raise its Volunteer Army in the war with Spain, which items, either in whole or in part, were rejected by the accounting officers of the Treasury Department, be, and the same are hereby, referred to the Court of Claims for adjudication and report to Congress.

Approved, February 24, 1925.

February 24, 1925. [S. 3793.] [Public, No. 451.]

CHAP. 301.—An Act To authorize the appointment of commissioners by the Court of Claims and to prescribe their powers and compensation.

Court of Claims. Commissioners to be appointed to take evidence and report facts to court.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That to afford the Court of Claims needed facilities for the disposition of suits brought therein said court is hereby authorized and empowered to appoint seven competent persons, to be known as commissioners, who shall attend the taking of or take evidence in cases that may be assigned to them severally by the court and make report of the facts in the case